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5A22PA UPDATE. Veronica, IK3ZAW, informs OPDX that since the announcement of the 5A22PA operation she has been receiving a lot of E-mails asking whether she is Abu Baker's (5A1A) QSL Manager or not. Please understand that she will be the QSL Manager for the 5A22PA special event station ONLY (NOT 5A1A)! This special callsign has been issued to celebrate the **22nd anniversary of "The 1st Born Jamahiriya in History"**, and the suffix "PA" stands for "People Authority". QSL 5A22PA "ONLY" to: Veronica Della Dora, Piazza Fiume 14, 30126 Lido di Venezia-VE, Italy.

9H, MALTA. The "DX News Sheet reports that Andy, G4ZVJ, will be active this week as **9H3ZV (March 9-16th)**. His activity will include an entry in the **RSGB Commonwealth Contest**. QSL via home call.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. The "DX News Sheet reports that Per, LA7FAA, is active as **C91CV** from **Quipaco Island** (NO IOTA Number). They state that he was spotted on 10 meters SSB (February 28th), his length of stay is not known. No QSNs have been reported on the Ohio/Penn Network. QSL via home call.

DXCC ACCEPTANCE OF ZL9CI. Ken Holdom, ZL2HU, Group Organizer/Team Leader/ QSL Manager of the Kermadec DX Association Campbell Island DXpedition, announced that the ARRL DXCC Desk has accepted the ZL9CI Campbell Island - January 1999 DXpedition for DXCC purposes. Ken also mentions that they are currently awaiting the printed cards from Japan and will post progressive updates in the near future.

E4, PALESTINE. Ayar, OZ6ACD, now active as **E44/OZ6ACD**, has informed OPDX that he will be active from the Headquarters of the "Temporary International Presence in **Hebron**" (TIPH) in the West Bank. Apparently, Ayar is the first licensed station to operate with the E4 prefix from the West Bank. This leaves the question of the **E41/OK1DTP**'s legitimacy

(mentioned in last week's bulletin). Some reports state that the Deputy Minister of the MPT (in Gaza) has no record of this station. Probably the most interesting thing is that operator David Lunak, OK1DTP, has put up a Web page at: <http://okdxc.cz/e41/> The Web site contains a log search. As always, work first worry later. You never know what will happen. Anyway, Ayar, **E44/OZ6ACD**, has received equipment from the Martti/OH2BH E44DX group and the JA1UT/E4 group. This equipment will be left behind for the newly established amateur radio group called the "Palestine Amateur Wireless Society (PAWS)" at the College of Technology in Gaza. E44/OZ6ACD will be active almost every day after 1400z, and on each Sunday morning until 0800z. However, he will be QRT between March 17-26th. Activity will be on all HF bands 80-10 meters. 160 meters is still uncertain, but 6 meters will be used frequently. Suggested frequencies are:

- **SSB** (+/-QRM) - 3794, 7044, 14244, 18144, 21244, 24944 and 28444 kHz
- **CW** (+/-QRM) - 3504, 7004, 10104, 14004, 18074, 21004, 24894 and 28004

CW activity will be limited, but OZ5IPA (as mentioned in last week's bulletin) will provide more CW activity when he arrives to be active from the same QTH (March 10-15th). QSL for E44/OZ6ACD should be sent to his QSL Manager OZ1ACB via the bureau or direct to: Allis Anderson, Kagsaavej 34, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark. Ayar also mentions to please check the following Web site for the latest info and for QSO search: <http://www.tiph.org/e44/search.htm> "The Daily DX" reports another operator is headed to E4-land. Peter, G3WQU, has submitted his paper work for a license to operate from Bethlehem, West Bank. He hopes to be active soon as **E44/G3WQU**.

E44/HA1AG WRAP-UP. Zoli/HA1AG, Gyula/HA1TJ, Laci/HA3NU and Anti/HA3OV are all back in Hungary without any problem. They are all in good spirits but are very tired. In less than 9 days with 4 operators, each operating 12 hours day in front a radio, they made 40500 QSOs. The only problems they had during the operation was with the hotel's phone and TV systems, but the staff was very tolerant! Look for more info to be forthcoming from Zoli soon!

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. By the time you read this Holger, DL7AU, should be active from **Fuerteventura** for about **4 weeks**. His callsign was not mentioned, but he will be active mainly on RTTY. He will also be active in the **CQWW WPX Contest** as a 10 meters single band entry. QSL via DL7VRO.

FT5X, KERGUELEN ISLAND. The "DX News Letter" reports that Helios, F6IHY, shall be once again on the air as **FT5XN** starting sometime **this month**.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **OC-136.** Alan, VK8AV, is currently on a DXpedition to **Phillip Island** and signing **VK8AV/3** until **mid-March**. He wants to work CW 30 kHz up from the band edges on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 30, 40 meters, but when things are slow he will work on SSB on the IOTA, DX and popular net frequencies. His QSL Manager will be Alan, VK4AAR, who will also be able to confirm other QSOs with VK8AV if needed. Please QSL DIRECT with SAE + postage to: Alan Roocroft, VK4AAR, POB 421, Gatton 4343, Australia
- **OC-141.** Stuart, VK8NSB, has announced that he will be going to **Groote Eylandt** from **April 3-18th**. He will use the callsign **VK8NSB/P** and will be operating a HF IOTA Station on 80/15/10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via VK9NS.

- **OC-170.** Beginning 0400z Sunday, **March 14th** through 0000z Sunday, **March 21st**, a group of operators from VK6-land will be active from **Woody Island**. A team of 12 operators have finalized all their traveling plans and have received permission to operate from the island. The group will hopefully use the callsign **VI6EWI**. This is yet to be confirmed. The group will work all bands, 80-70cm, both SSB and CW from 4 HF and 3 VHF/UHF stations. They will be staying as close as possible to the recognised IOTA frequencies. QSL Manager for this expedition is Neil Penfold VK6NE. His address is "OK" in all callbooks and Internet callsign databases. Bureau cards will also be accepted.

JW, SVALBARD. Kjell, SM7NAS, will be active from **Longyearbyen** as **JW/SM7NAS** from **April 2-8th**. Activity will be on all HF bands, CW, SSB and RTTY using 1kW to a 5 element beam for 10, 15 and 20 meters 100 ft up, a delta loop on 40 meters and an inverted L for the other bands. The JW/SM7NAS log will be available soon after the operation at: http://home.bip.net/kjell_adolf/ QSL via the bureau or direct to: Kjell Adolfsson, Svensbackevagen 6D, SE-59096 Overum, Sweden

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY (Update/Change). The following group of operators will be active **March 18-25th** and during the **BARTG RTTY CONTEST (March 20-21st)** as **KG4GC** and not KG4WB as reported earlier. Operators will be Bill/W4WX (KG4GC), William/N2WB (KG4WB) and Vance/N5VL (KG4VL). They will be on all bands before and after the contest using their own calls. QSL KG4GC to W4WX and all others to the homecalls.

OH0/OJ0, ALAND ISLAND AND MARKET REEF. Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV, Editor for the National Contest Journal, will be going to **Aland Island** to operate the new **OH0Z** super station in the **CQ WPX CW Contest** at the invitation of station owners Ari/OH1EH, Jukka/OH2MAM, and OH1JT. Look for **OH0/K7BV** to be used before and after the contest. Dennis states that there is a very high probability that his DXpedition will include a 3 to 4 day **OJ0/K7BV** operation from **Market Reef** thanks to a generous invitation from Seppo/OH1VR and Lars/OH0RJ who control the operations of the beacon on the reef. OH1VR will accompany him to the reef and then operate in the **CQ WPX CW contest** after Dennis's departure by helicopter to get back to OH0Z in time for the same contest. K7BV's DXpedition will occur between **May 23rd and June 3rd**. CW will be the preferred mode of operation on all HF bands including WARC band opportunities. Also, look for RS12 satellite activity (he will be on the air as frequently as possible). If a small transceiver can be borrowed, 6 meters will definitely get some attention. Carl, K9LA, will provide Dennis with extensive propagation forecasting support to insure the efficient use of the lower bands. Unfortunately, short hours of darkness, six in May in the northern latitudes, will severely limit opportunities to satisfy the need for these countries on 80 and 160 meters. George K5KG (E-mail: GeorgeK5KG@aol) will perform Pilot Station duties and daily feed constructive input from the DX community to K7BV via HF skeds. QSL Infomation: OH0 - OJ0/K7BV via KU9C and OH0Z via OH1EH, Ari Korhonen, Kreetalank. 9 As 1, FIN-29200 Harjavalta, Finland

PACIFIC TRIP CONTINUES (T30/T31/T33). The OK DX Foundation members Jarda/OK1RD, Jiri/OK1RI and Slavek/OK1TN continue to be active as **T30RD** from **Tarawa** until **March 10th**. At that time, they will be active as **T31RD** from **Canton** or as **T33RD** from **Banaba Island** until **March 28th**. They will then return to **Tarawa** and be active again as **T30RD** until **April 8th**. Their operations include two stations on 160-10 meters CW/SSB. QSLs via OKDXF, Box 73, CZ-29306 Mlada Boleslav, Bradlec, Czech Republic.

PY0. FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Look for Peter, PY5CC, to become active again **March 21-29th**, as **PY0FF**. Activity will be on all bands with special attention paid to 6 meters. QSL via JA1VOK.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **HC8L QSLs.** OPDX has been receiving several messages asking where to QSL this station. The operator states to QSL via the bureau. Your editor has tried to find "the HC8 address" , but with no luck. I guess one could use the "ARRL Outgoing Bureau" and hope that someone will pick up the cards at the HC Ecuador Bureau. Reports indicate that the operator is Dave, W6NL (ex-W6QHS). The only thing we can suggest is to wait and see if something (address) comes out after this past weekend's contest.
- **IR0MFP.** This special event station, whose suffix stands "Millennium For Peace", was active during last weekend's ARRL SSB Contest and has the QSL Manager of IK0AZG.
- All the logs from the "**OK DXpedition Pacific99**" will be online very soon. Currently only the logs for **3D2TN** have been entered. Check the Web sites:
<http://www.okdxc.cz/pacific99/>
- **GOOD NEWS.** The **XZ1N** cards have been coming out. Watch your mail box!
- **EJ7M.** Several stations have asked about the QSL info for EJ7M which was active from Bere Island last July. The QSL Manager is Denis, EI6HB. QSL via the CBA or via the IRTS Bureau.
- Vlad, **UA0CW**, operated in the ARRL SSB Contest this past weekend on 15 meters. Please QSL ONLY to W3HNK!!!

S0, WESTERN SAHARA. Arseli, EA2JG, states **beginning March 31st**, he will be here **for two weeks** as **S09A**. Activity will be on all bands. QSL via EA2JG, Arseli Etxeguren, Barrena 6, 01480 Luyando Alava, Spain.

T8, PALAU. Five members of Far East DX-Ploiters (FEDXP), JA1BRK, JA1HGY, JA1HYF, 7N3AWE and JK1OPL, will be activated from Belau Republic as a DX-Vacation operation. Activity will be from **March 19-21st**, with two separated stations operating on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY. They will concentrate on the WARC bands. Look for the following (station/QSL route): **T88AJ** (7N3AWE), **T88HY** (JA1HYF), **T88HG** (JA1HGY), T88?? (JK1OPL), and **T88RK** (JA1BRK). The main RTTY operator will be **T88AJ** (7N3AWE).

TL5A NOW QRT. Alex, PA1AW, reports that Alex, TL5A, has put 74000 QSOs in the log, and together with his TL0R operation this makes over 80000 QSOs from the Central African Republic. During a short stop in PA-land on route to a new assignment, Alex will get the full logs from Alex, TL5A/ PA3DZN, to update the Web log search pages at:
<http://www.qsl.net/tl5a/> This will probably be sometime this week. QSL via PA1AW (ex-PA3DMH).

TP50, FRANCE. Paul, ON6DP, states he will be active with ON7RN as **TP50CE** from the special event station celebrating the **Council of Europe's 50th year anniversary, April 30th to May 2nd**. QSL via F6FQK.

V3, BELIZE. Bert, PA3GIO, plans to be active as **V31GI** from a few Belize IOTAs. Look for him **March 14-19th** from **Southwest Caye (Glovers Reef NA-180)**, **March 21-26th** from **Blackbird Caye (Turneffe Islands NA-123)** and **March 28th through April 3rd** from **Little**

Water Caye (NA-180). Activity will be on SSB 20-10 meters on the usual IOTA frequencies, 40 meters and the WARC bands. Bert will be using a TS-50 with 100 watts and dipole. Check out his great and colorful Web site at: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~pa3gio/ca/> QSL via home callsign (bureau is preferred).

WEB SITE FOR DXERS. The Northeast Wisconsin DX Association has a new Web page at: <http://www.execpc.com/~w9zt/>

XF4MX, REVILLAGIGEDO UPDATE. Parcival, XE1HBU, from Guadalajara, Mexico, informs us that the current XF4MX operation from the archipelago Revillagigedo Island (active **until March 15th**) now has a Web page up for specific information about frequency, modes,... etc at: <http://www.radionet.udg.mx/xf4mx/index.html>

ZY, ANAVILHANAS ARCHIPELAGO. The world's largest archipelago (in a river) will be activated by operators PP8EB, PP8DA, PP8HDA, PP8KB, PP8BV and PP8JM, **April 1-4th**. The callsign to be used is **ZY8A**. Activity will be on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters CW/SSB. This will be the first time this archipelago will be aired. This is not a IOTA but is good towards the Brazilian Award. QSL Manager is PP8KB, Luiz Ricardo, P.O. Box 691. Manaus Am, Brasil 69011-970.

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